

Dorm Teams To Compete In Fall Follies Activities

By JO-ANN RADIN

Saturday the senior class is sponsoring a day of festivities known as Fall Follies. The organizer of this event is Tom Conde (sr.-Gal.), assisted by Dave Miller (sr.-Gal.) and various members of the senior class. The Follies will begin at noon and continue until 4 p.m.

Fall Follies will take place at three central areas: the pond, administration park located in front of the chapel, and the field between Halleck and the science building.

Activities will include a tug-of-war

over the pond, an egg toss, three-legged and wheelbarrow races and a football throw. The events will be played in teams of six members, composed of individuals from various dorms. Teams do not have to be representative of specific dorms.

Teams competing will be a part of the NECAA (National Entertainment and Campus Activities Association) and the winners will go from the local competition to possible state, regional, and national competitions. This project is sponsored by Anheuser-Busch in the promotion of its National Budweiser College Superstars Program. The competition is open to any non-varsity student who is not on an athletic scholarship on the campus.

At the end of the activities, a case of beer will be awarded to the team achieving the most points. After the activities are completed, there will be an all-campus "Gong Show" to begin at 9:30 p.m. in the chapel basement. Monetary prizes will be awarded to "the most outrageous act" and "the best act."

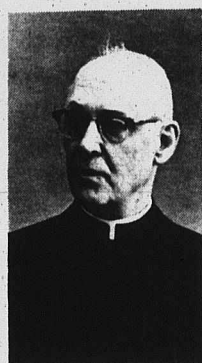
Father Rufus Esser: An Example To Us All

Saint Joseph's College lost one of its most beloved community members with the death Sept. 30 of Father Rufus Esser, 79, professor emeritus of English.

To generations of Saint Joe students, Father Esser was a smiling, shining example of the fact that "Saint Joseph's is people." In a world and on a campus that often takes life and its events much too

seriously, Father Esser provided a welcome counterbalance.

Aside from his record-setting 51 years of service to the college faculty, Father Esser served the college in a myriad of administrative posts ranging from president



to dean of studies to prefect of discipline.

As Saint Joseph's Bicentennial History states, "Father Esser's record of college service stands as a permanent example of dedication and loyalty to all present and future college personnel."

Despite such service, however, Father Esser is best remembered for that warm smile to an unsmiling student on a cold or damp morning, his willingness to listen and to care about the problems of others, his ability to make us smile at life's foibles, his multitude of stories and/or jokes that taught us lessons and cheered us when we needed it most, and his serene lifestyle based in a knowledge that he loved and served the Lord, just as the Lord loved him.

May his example always be part of us at Saint Joseph's.

Homecoming Festivities Open Oct. 22

Homecoming, traditionally the biggest weekend at Saint Joe's, starts Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. with the opening of the Homecoming parade.

According to Tom Funk (jr.-Gal.), president of the Blue Key Honor Society, this year's parade should match or surpass the success of last year's parade.

"This year the various clubs and organizations throughout the campus have responded quite favorably to our attempts to make this Homecoming parade a success," says Funk. So far, eight clubs have expressed interest in building floats.

There will be a float-judging contest during the parade, and an award of \$100 and two \$50 awards will be given to the floats winning the "President's Award," "most colorful" award, and the "most original" award, respectively. There will be four bands, with the possibility of four additional bands.

Originating at Saint Augustine's churchyard, the parade will move south along U.S. Highway 231 and end at Raleigh Hall on campus. Funk emphasizes that merchants in town have been very cooperative, and that with their help the parade was adequately funded.

Nominees for Homecoming Queen will be selected tomorrow and the queen will be chosen by the senior class next week. The queen will be

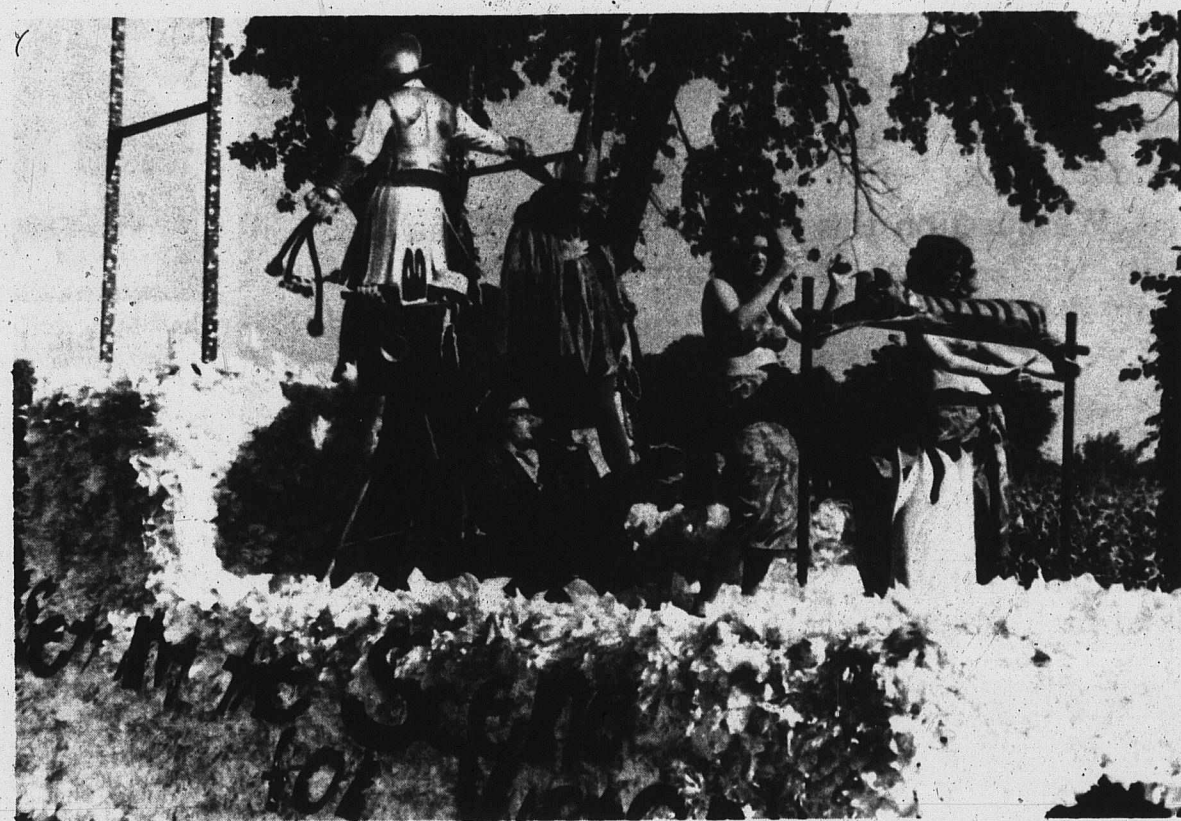
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Feelings of competition reach a peak during Homecoming, and these feelings are often displayed in the floats, such as this one entered in the 1973 parade.

crowned before the 1:30 p.m. football game against Wabash.

On-campus activities are being organized by senior class president Dave Miller (sr.-Gal.), and sponsored by the Alumni Board. A beer and bratwurst tent will be set up in the field next to Raleigh Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Following the game will be a happy hour at 4:30 p.m. in Halleck

Center which is open to all. A nursery, sponsored by the education club, will be open from noon until 6 p.m. on the second floor of Halleck Center. At 6 p.m., there will be a sentimental and gimmick auction in the ballroom.

Mass in remembrance of deceased alumni will be celebrated at 7 p.m. in the chapel, and the semi-formal Homecoming dance will begin at 9:30 p.m. in Halleck Center.

FOCUS: Pot Usage Examined

By TONY TILLER

Many subjects raise questions and differences of opinion, but rarely has any subject been questioned and discussed more fully than drugs and their effect on man. However, no drug has been subject to more scrutiny or raised more controversy than marijuana, a narcotic consisting of the dried leaves and flowers of the Indian hemp, *cannabis sativa*.

Much of this uncertainty about marijuana's effect is due to the fact that there is no sure way of determining how it affects the human body. There has been research done, tests conducted, and many opinions based upon analysis and observation, fact and fancy, age group, previous experience with marijuana, and many other factors.

Various agencies—federal, state, and private—have conducted experiments using men and animals (usually rats or mice) and measured the drug's effect on the psychological, physiological, and behavioral aspects.

Surveys conducted by the federal government have indicated that as many as 47 million Americans currently use, or have used marijuana, so a need for conclusive legislative action is necessary. Chief among marijuana smokers are persons in the 17-35 years age group, as indicated by surveys.

On college campuses across the nation, students are lighting up and getting high. "Saint Joe's is no different than any other school in this respect," says one student. "In fact, drugs can be easily acquired here."

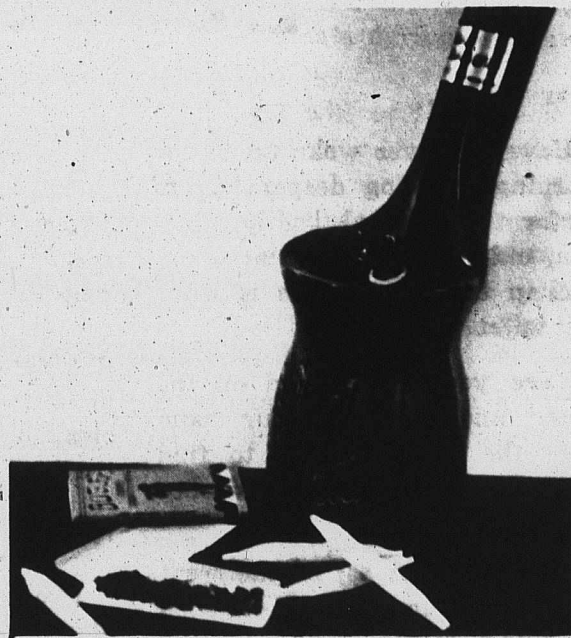
Another student notes that "the use of marijuana on campus is really widespread."

Currently there is much contro-

versy over the question of decriminalization, and possibly legalization of marijuana. Adversaries include everyone with an opinion between the far left, who are pressing for immediate legalization and freedom for those imprisoned for possession of a small amount, to the far right which is comprised of those people who would like to see prosecution to the full extent of anyone caught with any amount. They would also like to see a concentrated effort to stop the importation and sale of marijuana.

Proponents of decriminalization, which would remove possible felony charges for possession of small amounts of marijuana for a misdemeanor charge, insist that the harm caused by the present approach outweighs the possible effects of legalized use.

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A bong, which is partially filled with water to lessen the harshness of the smoke, and rolling papers are two of the more common ways smokers enjoy their pot.



Freshman class officers for the 1977-78 academic year are (l.-r.): Becky Wolff, secretary; Tim Culkin, vice-president; Carl Schreiber, president; and Jim Conde, treasurer.

Solution Needed

Last Sept. 2, a letter from the Personnel Dean concerning drug abuse was sent to all RA's on campus. In it, the dean states that this college "will not be a haven for drug pushers or abusers" and that "any and all methods will be used to apprehend drug/narcotic pushers or users."

He also states that the presence of marijuana smell in a room is sufficient evidence to assess the residents an immediate fine of \$100. Of course, we being in a democratic society and all, the residents may have a hearing before being fined.

We question this new policy and its methods. In fact, we feel that it is totally asinine and that the dean should have carefully weighed all considerations before implementing it.

What will happen to the student's right to privacy if "any and all" methods are used to apprehend those who smoke marijuana, or use other drugs? Smoke, as many people know, permeates and spreads from the room and into the hallway; how then are RA's to determine which room it is coming from? If they are to use any and all methods, does this mean that they are free to break into a student's room if he refuses to open his door? And what if they do, and find nothing?

Agreed, abuse of anything, especially drugs, is wrong, but the methods used by the dean's office will turn students off before they have a chance to be explained.

We feel that the students and the dean's office should work toward a "joint" solution to this problem.

Pride Of The Pumas

Homecoming.

The word brings to mind memories of old friends, good times, and a rivalry between athletic teams that go back as far as the beginning of the school.

Homecoming '77 at Saint Joseph's should be such a time. It is a time when all students, faculty, administrators, and staff can feel proud to be members of the college community, proud to have been able to put together an impressive array of floats and activities to bewilder the mind and bedazzle the senses.

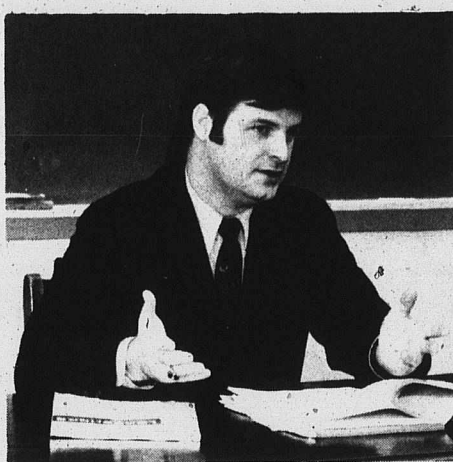
Faculty members, staff, and administrators can also come out and show their support by volunteering for duty at one of the many activities planned or even helping out in the creation of the floats for the parade. We are sure that students would appreciate it and think better of this group for joining them.

Last year, at about this time, there seemed to be quite a bit of trouble. It seemed that no one but a dedicated handful of students even cared about Homecoming; this attitude was especially evident in the lack of people, students and faculty, in helping the building of the floats.

We hope that this year, Homecoming will truly be a venture participated in by the entire Saint Joe community.

PROFESSOR'S CORNER

Students' Views On Athletics Sought



DR. DOWNARD

By

DR. WILLIAM L. DOWNARD

After my first effort in writing a column for the student press, I wondered what the response would be. Naturally, I was not surprised that the persistent editor asked me to do another, especially since at least one or two students said to me "I read the column you wrote." Since I'm a college graduate, I was quick enough to figure I'd better not ask what they thought. The "I read it," as they passed on to other important things (like going to class) indicated it would be wiser to let that column be judged by contemplative reflection.

But when the editor asked for more punishment, I felt some uplift until I was informed by others that he was having a tough time finding "filler" for the bi-weekly newspaper. So here is the second effort. This time, though, I have a rather important reason for writing: as chairman of the Faculty Athletic Committee it gives me a chance to attempt to clarify a few important issues which are facing the Saint Joseph's community in the area of athletics.

One of the major decisions which should be made this year is what SJC should do about the growing disintegration of the Indiana Collegiate Conference.

In the past two years, DePauw and Wabash have withdrawn from the conference and now, based on reliable sources, it appears that Evansville and Butler are interested in memberships in NCAA Division I basketball conferences. This year Saint Joseph's will play only seven of 27 basketball games against conference foes and the future looks even more bleak. The questions are: where are we now, where should we go, and what are the costs and benefits of any decisions?

At present, SJC is classified as a Division II school by the NCAA. We determined that status when the NCAA reorganized into three divisions a few years ago. Under NCAA regulations, a school's divisional status is determined by the status of basketball, and football alone may be in a different division. Thus, Saint Joe is classified as Division II in basketball, baseball, etc., except for football, which we have determined as Division III.

It sounds confusing, and it is, but the reasoning is that many schools that excel in basketball, baseball, or wrestling, etc., cannot afford the financial burden required by football. In Division I, football schools may award up to 90 grants-in-aid, in Division II the number is 60; in Division I basketball the limit is 16 grants, and in Division II, 12 grants.

At Saint Joe we had authorized 22 football grants and ten basketball grants when the NCAA reorganized. Our reasoning was that we could not afford to move up toward 40-50 football grants to be competitive with schools such as Akron, Eastern Illinois, Youngstown, and so on. Thus, we (the faculty) determined to be a Division II school with a Division III football status. That's where we

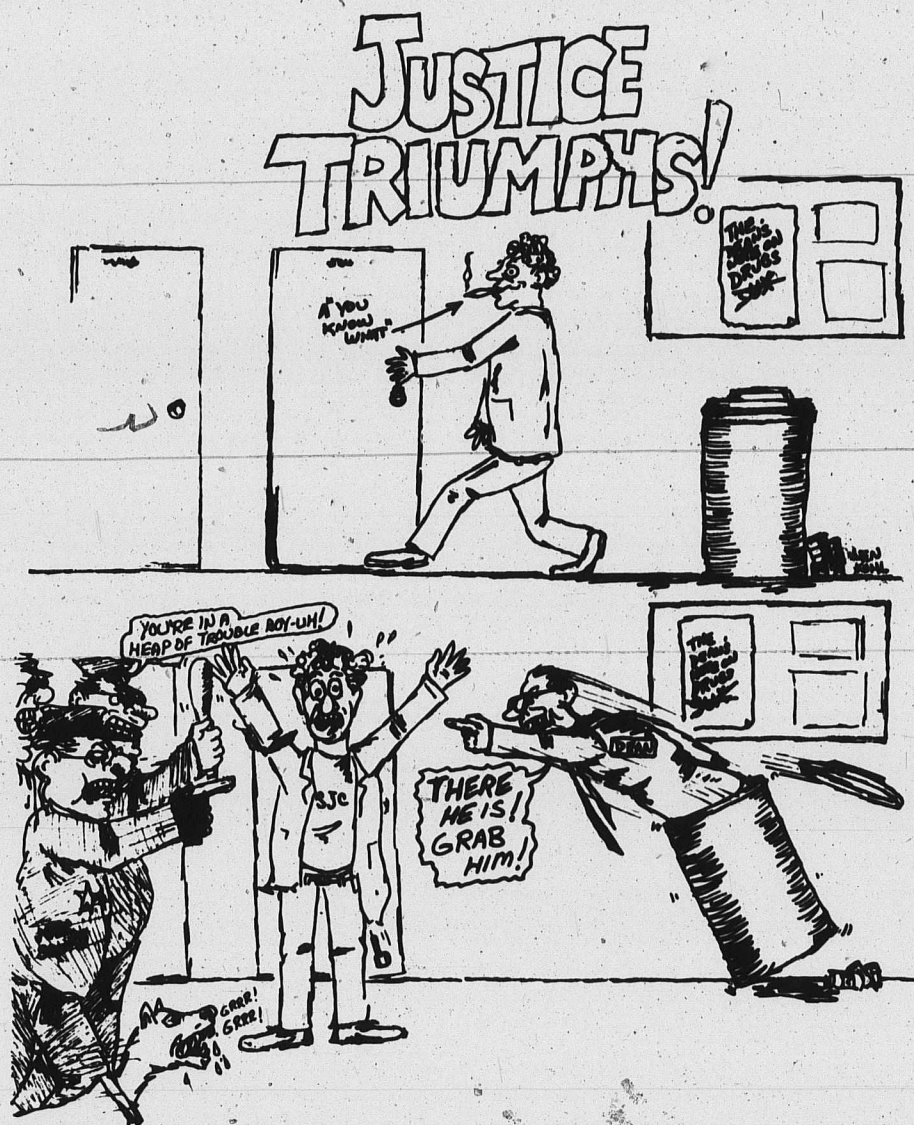
have been for the past three years or so.

Since Division III rules that schools may only grant aid on the basis of financial need by August of 1979, that is where SJC is heading. Last February, all ICC schools agreed to adhere to this "need" factor in football and the conference appears compatible in that sport. But basketball is jeopardizing the conference.

The alternatives seem to line up this way: 1) wait for the ICC to die of its own accord in basketball, 2) attempt to affiliate in a Division II basketball conference, 3) declare Division III, go on a need basis in basketball also, and try to help organize a conference with DePauw, Wabash, Rose-Hulman and one or two others who have been negotiating, 4) go independent and wait to see what possibilities arise.

Athletic director Richard Scharf has been investigating the possibility of new conferences. This past summer he attended meetings with four other schools (Bellarmine of Louisville, Indiana Central, Kentucky Wesleyan, and Indiana State of Evansville). All have Division II NCAA status in basketball, but

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-Letters To The Editor-

Dear Editor,

Have you ever woke up in the morning, wanting desperately to perform a natural bodily function, only to discover that every stall in the entire dorm is without toilet paper?

Have you ever turned on the water and removed your hand from the faucet handle to find some unknown, slimy substance clinging to it?

Have you ever sat on the front porch of your dorm and ended up being driven inside by the flies that have bred in the garbage alongside it?

These are everyday occurrences here at Saint Joe's. This situation reminds me of the negligence and total incompetence

occurring in the typical slum of New York or Chicago.

Mr. Hentschel, have you ever taken a good look at the performances of some of your employees? They wouldn't work for me for five minutes. When it takes a perfectly normal, middle-aged man one full hour to clean one bathroom, I think it's time to consider finding a more responsible person for the job. Is this how my \$4000 is wasted?

Two years ago the school employed janitors to clean their own dorms. And, at least in my dorm, they did twice as good a job in half the time.

Now I'm not trying to tell you, Mr. Hentschel, how to do your job, but I am getting tired

of running over to Halleck, early on a brisk fall morning, just to find a roll of toilet paper!

Signed,
Cold and Constipated

Dear Editor,

Earlier this month the freshman class held its elections for class officers. During the period of time prior to the elections, much campaign material was displayed throughout the campus, as it is during any election. This was one method for the candidates to acquaint at least their names to the students.

One drawback to this vast and often excessive display of materials and posters is that it detracts from the beauty of the campus. A case in point was the entrance to Halleck Center. The

doors were cluttered with so much material you could not see through them.

I feel that if any candidate is mature enough to decide to run for office, then that candidate is also mature enough to decide when enough material has been posted in a particular spot.

A greater emphasis should be placed on contacting the individual voter on a personal basis. Or perhaps debates should be arranged for the candidates. As a last resort, the SA could impose limitations on the number and size of posters and signs.

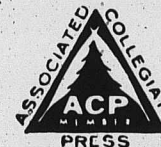
I sincerely hope that in the future we can hold elections and still maintain some of the nice appearance of the campus.

A Political Puma

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Pumas Prepare For Bulldogs

By MONIQUE LACOUTURE

Action takes to the road this weekend, as Saint Joseph's Pumas travel to Butler for an Indiana Collegiate Conference contest Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

"I feel we can beat Butler," states head coach Bill Jennings. "Although they're a strong passing team, our defense should be able to handle their air attack well."

Saint Joseph's came away with a 28-18 "come-from-behind" win in last season's homecoming game vs. Butler, as the Pumas erased a 10-0 deficit early in the second quarter, and took the lead in the third as captain Greg Duggin (sr.-Noll) fed wide receiver Dan Abens. (sr.-Gal.) a 40-yard touchdown pass. Saint Joe clinched the win in the fourth quarter, as Tony Boley bolted into the end zone from seven yards out.

This year the Pumas are the invited guests at the Bulldogs' homecoming festivities.

On Homecoming weekend at SJC, the Pumas tackle Wabash. Last year the Little Giants topped the Pumas by 16-10 at Crawfordsville. Wabash jumped out to a 16-0 halftime lead, but

the Pumas got on the scoreboard with ten points in the third quarter. However, the Wabash defense hung tough and won.

"Although Wabash sports one of the leading passers (Dave Harvey) in NCAA Division III football," Jennings says, "our defensive backs are equal to the test. But the offense must be there also."

Saint Joseph's is now playing .500 ball with a 2-2 record.

One of these wins came in a heart-stopping 21-19 victory over Indiana Central Oct. 1. The Pumas scored two touchdowns for a 14-0 first-quarter lead, as Duwayne Mill (jr.-Ben.) took a pass from quarterback Ray Banary (so.-Mer.) for one TD, and Larry Shelton (jr.-day) scampered through the Greyhound defense for the other score.

Indiana Central made it 14-6 at halftime, and pulled within two points, 14-12, at the end of the third quarter.

Then the Pumas pulled off a fake field goal attempt that confused the Greyhounds and put Saint Joe's ahead 21-12. Indiana Central scored once more for a 21-19 deficit, but could do no more as Brian Brennan (so.-Gal.) pulled down an inter-

ception, and Mark Lambert (so.-Aqu.) blocked a pass with 24 seconds left.

"Indiana Central was strong, but we played more aggressively," Jennings says. "We made fewer physical and mental mistakes; it was just an overall team victory," he concludes.

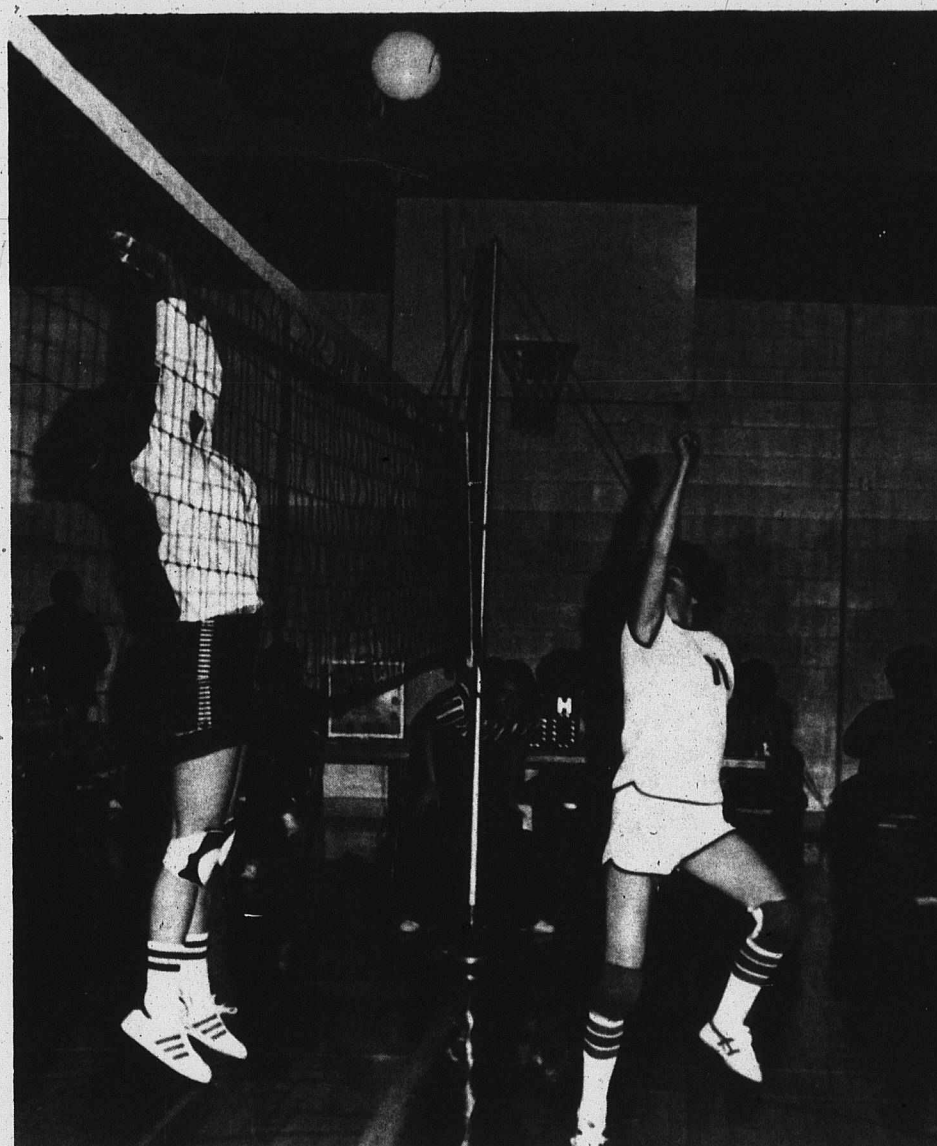
Franklin boasted a 3-1 record before the Pumas came to town, and ended up 4-1 as they defeated Saint Joe's 31-7 in their homecoming game last Saturday.

The Grizzlies controlled the tempo of the game, and dominated on defense. They exploded for ten points in the third quarter and two touchdowns in the fourth.

A three-yard run and conversion by Banary late in the first quarter was the Pumas' lone score. Saint Joe's offense was shut out the rest of the way as Franklin walked away with a victory.

"Franklin has an explosive team, and we have lost some big games to them in past seasons," Jennings says.

But being the eternal optimist, Jennings will still work with his "one game at a time" plan, and hope for a post-season berth in the NCAA tournament.



Sue Emerson (sr.-Jus.) sends the volleyball sailing over the outstretched arms of an Indiana State defender as she tries to block the ball. Despite such great returns, Saint Joe lost.

Campus Sports Roundup

Volleyball Team Indicates Potential

CROSS COUNTRY

Puma runners have experienced some hard times this season. The team has no wins as yet on its record, but has been showing strong performances from individual racers.

Joe Rincon (fr.-WSF) has been leading the team, and recently placed 32nd in an invitational meet with a time of 28:03. Andy Barnes (so.-day) is right behind Rincon on the team and is steadily improving. Both are young runners who will form a strong nucleus in years to come.

Saint Joe was beaten by Valparaiso at home Saturday by a 19-43 score.

SJC's next race will be away Oct. 15 in a quadrangular with Valpo, Grace, and Indiana Institute of Technology. The Little State meet will be the next destination Oct. 21.

GOLF

Likewise, the golf team has been struggling in recent matches. Coach Dick Scharf's chargers finished fifth out of nine teams at Valparaiso, and tied for second out of six at Purdue North Central.

There are some bright spots, however. Bob Kurtz (jr.-day), and Ken Renspie (jr.-Drx.) have been the most consistent performers thus far.

The next and last match of the season will be the Indiana Collegiate Conference Tournament to be played Oct. 16-17 at the Golf Club of Indiana, Lebanon, Ind.

SOCCER

"We're keeping our heads up, and playing better than we expected," says Gerry Ramker (sr.-Ben.) about his soccer team. Although the team has an 0-4 record, those losses have been at the hands of stronger and more experienced varsity teams.

Niba Johnson (fr.-Aqu.) leads the team with three goals, co-captain Mark Craven (jr.-Drx.) has one, and Craig Andrews (sr.-day) got his first in a 4-1 loss at Valparaiso.

Home games will be Oct. 15 vs. the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago at 3:30 p.m., and a rematch with Notre Dame Oct. 18 at 3 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Women's volleyball started its season impressively with strong games vs. Indiana State and Valparaiso, although losing to both at home by scores of 15-4, 15-10; 11-5 and 15-9 respectively.

In later games they recorded four wins and two losses. Those wins were against St. Mary's, Valparaiso, IUPUI-Fort Wayne, and a sweep of Purdue-Calumet at home.

Mary Ann Klemm (so.-Jus.) was voted by her teammates to captain the team. Sue Emerson (sr.-Jus.), Leona Fournier (so.-Jus.), and Klemm have been consistent performers for coach Rosalie Wendling. Rookies Nancy Scott (fr.-Jus.), Regina Fisher (fr.-Jus.), Rhonda Rogers (fr.-Jus.), and Terry Storey (fr.-Jus.) are leaving good impressions with their talent and poise.

Seven road games are scheduled before the Pumas return home Oct. 29 to face DePauw and St. Francis in a triangular.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Possibly the success story of

the fall sports season was the women's tennis team coached by Father Ambrose Ruschau. This season the girls notched their first win since the team was started two years ago, and added two more in successive victories over Purdue-Calumet and Manchester. The team suffered only four defeats overall.

Betsy Fink (jr.-Hal.) and Karen O'Brien (jr.-Jus.) led the team from the beginning, while Cathy Meyer (so.-Jus.), Sue Fitzgerald (so.-Jus.), and Lucy Sheperd (fr.-Jus.) improved toward the end. All are young players and will form a strong nucleus next year.

O'Brien, Sheperd, Meyer, and Fitzgerald were Saint Joseph's representatives at the Small College Tourney held last weekend at the Racquet Club in Muncie, Ind. All four were eliminated but O'Brien and Meyer both put up a fight before bowing out. The quartet finished 14th out of 17 schools represented.

"Our girls were entered for the first time in college tournament competition and thoroughly enjoyed it," states Fr. Ruschau. "They are already looking forward to next year with a little more experience behind them."



The cheerleaders of SJC form an integral part of the school's athletic programs. They are (l.-r.): Kevin Viktor (so.-Ben.), Colleen Hamilton (fr.-Jus.), Mike Keane (so.-Ben.), Rhonda Okrie (jr.-Hal.), Anna Hindery (fr.-Hal.), Tina Morbitt (fr.-Jus.), Tom Hartrich (jr.-Gal.), and co-captains Lisa Elliott (jr.-Hal.) and Chris Plaia (so.-Ben.).

Cheerleaders Organized

For two long and tiring weeks, seven girls worked and waited with sore muscles and jumpy nerves for cheerleading tryouts. When the big night finally came, four were selected. These four girls are Tina Morbitt (fr.-Jus.), Colleen Hamilton (fr.-Jus.), Anne Hindery (fr.-Hal.), and Rhonda Okrie (jr.-Hal.).

Selection was based on their performances in four different areas: a cheer which was taught to them, a cheer that they made up themselves, three individual stunts, and one stunt with one of the male cheerleaders. The male cheerleaders are Tom Hartrich (jr.-Gal.), Mike Keane (so.-Ben.), Kevin Viktor (so.-Ben.), and co-captain Chris Plaia (so.-Ben.).

According to the team co-captain, Lisa Elliott (jr.-Hal.), "the team looks really good this year. The work isn't over; we still have to learn the chants and all that, but we'll be ready to go by the next game."

The Pumas played Indiana Central at home Oct. 1, and it marked the cheerleaders' first appearance.

"I want to give the team spirit, and I'm anxious for the first game," Morbitt says.

Hamilton says that she "enjoys cheering for my teams."

Hartrich comments that "I wanted to join a school activity, and cheerleading looked like a lot of fun."

When asked what the cheerleaders will be doing this year.

Elliott replies that they will be cheering for both varsity football and basketball games, and possibly for other sports also.

"It's really going to be a great year," says Elliott. "Not only are we going to have winning teams, but winning cheerleaders, too."

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A few weeks ago, 14 girls came together to compose the Saint Joseph's College Pom Pon Girls. The club is headed by Valerie Erickson, advisor to the girls, and choreographer Jackie Stewart. This is the first year the girls will be working under any formal supervision.

Returning members of the squad include: captain Sandy Gotstein (so.-Jus.), Beth Anderson (so.-Jus.), Susan Scott (so.-Jus.), Susan Dineen (so.-Jus.), and Diann Gonzalez (so.-Jus.). New members this year include: Mary Ann Schulte (so.-Jus.), Jolynn Kozlowski (fr.-Jus.), Kathy Rector (fr.-Jus.), Beth Novak (fr.-Jus.), Jo-Ann Radin (fr.-Jus.), Karen Roelofs (fr.-Jus.), Lynn Ceisel (fr.-Jus.), Kathy Caveney (fr.-Jus.) and Margie Harris (fr.-Jus.).

Currently the girls are developing a new constitution with hopes for a better squad. Along with the constitution, the girls are planning many new ideas and activities.

Plans include the possibility of a button sale during the basketball season.

The girls will perform at the Oct. 22 and Nov. 5 home football games and a series of home basketball games. Gotstein says "All the girls seem very enthusiastic to start off a new year, and I feel that we are going to do a real good job."

Homecoming will mark the season opening of the Pom Pon Girls. They will perform along with the band in the parade and during halftime ceremonies on the field. Gotstein explains "This year we are making an effort to do more with the band; they are sounding good and we are proud to be performing with them."

"The girls have been working hard on crowd-pleasing shows and are looking forward to student support."

'Midnight Madness' To Launch Pre-Season Basketball Practice

By MARK QUEBBEMAN

Imagine a Friday evening on the campus of Saint Joseph's College. The time is midnight and the Alumni Fieldhouse is filled to capacity with hundreds of unbelievably boisterous, wild-eyed maniacs screaming at the tops of their lungs like an invading horde of insane lunatics just escaped from Bellevue. What could be the cause of this demented hysteria? Is it an outbreak of some dreaded disease? Could it be a type of drug addiction? Wrong on both counts. It's an epidemic of "midnight madness" that annually strikes Pumaville as the basketball team embarks on another winning season.

"Midnight madness" will transpire this Friday. However, this year it will be untrue to its name. Instead of commencing at midnight as it has for the past few years, it will begin instead at about 12:15 a.m. as the 1977 cheerleading squad, led by Lisa Elliott, will work the raging mob up to a frenzy.

Immediately preceding midnight madness will be the reason for its delay. A mini-concert, featuring the Faith Band, will start at 9 p.m. in Halleck Center's ballroom. This concert is expected to last until approximately 12:30 a.m.

Faith Band is a popular recording group from Indianapolis, and their present album, "Excuse me... I just cut an album" is currently selling well on the east and west coasts, as well as in the midwest.

In the fieldhouse, after the concert there will be the popular competition of rival dorms trying to outcheer each other with the top three dorms being rewarded with cash prizes on the basis of their loudness and/or their originality.

As the clock edges towards 12:30, the cheerleaders will lead the crowd in a countdown to that time, when head coach George Waggoner, assistant coach George Post, and the 1977-78 Puma cagers will burst out onto the floor to the strains of "When The Saints Go Marching In."

This year's basketball team is led by captain Tom Gallant, a 6-4 senior from Saginaw, Mich. Gallant has been ranked as one of the most valuable sixth men in Saint Joe basketball history. His teammates will include returning lettermen Dave Downey (jr.-Ben.), Gary Feagin (sr.-WSF), Kevin Merkell (so.-Ben.), and Kevin Sims (jr.-day).

After Waggoner presents the prizes to the winning dorms from the cheering contest, he will introduce this year's Pumas.

Following the introductions, the team will run through several basic dribbling and shooting drills. The evening's festivities will be culminated with an intrasquad scrimmage which will end about 1:30 a.m.

The Pumas begin their basketball season with an exhibition against the Challengers of Athletes-in-Action Nov. 17, followed by the season opener against IUPU-Fort Wayne in the fieldhouse Nov. 28.

Every Puma fan is urged to come out to the fieldhouse Friday night and display the type of enthusiasm and spirit that has enabled the SJC fans to virtually terrorize every team that has dared to step into the "house of noise" and challenge the superiority of the Pumas.



Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn, affectionately known as "Ma" Dunn, shows one of the many quilts that were on display in the ballroom on Wednesday. She made the quilts from pieces of fabric left over from the days when she made priests' vestments.

False Fire Alarms Create Hazards

By MARGIE APPLIN

Halas Hall was extremely quiet on the night of Sept. 15, maybe too much. One senior was overheard saying "It has never been this quiet. It's darn boring." This solemn atmosphere was broken around midnight; the fire alarm went off.

There was a mild panic as the women cleared the dorm. Within 20 minutes, it was obvious that it was a false alarm; the panic then subsided and the dorm rehabilitated. The following day, conversation between residents brought out the fact that a few girls slept through it all. Whether it was the negligence of their neighbors or roommates, they did not get out. What if it had really been a fire?

It wasn't long before everyone started playing detective. Suspensions grew, hostility flowed, and the dorm was getting nowhere. Personnel Dean Jerome Hughes could not overlook the situation; he had to emphasize the seriousness of a false alarm. To affect the dorm directly, open house was suspended indefinitely and intramural privileges were

taken away.

Some of the women in the dorm organized a committee to meet with the dean and study alternatives. One of these alternatives, which Halas is proceeding with, is a fire prevention program that entails a series of articles, direct correspondence with individuals, and campus-wide presentations relating to the jeopardies of a false alarm.

Too many times an alarm is pulled and occupants take it for granted that it's false. The time will come when there is a fire and we're sure any individual

would not want to be responsible for the death of someone else.

Halas Hall has come to realize that the decision of pulling a fire alarm basically deals with the decision of life and death. The next time an alarm is pulled, you may be the one who's asleep in bed and it could be that thin line between your life and your death.

In realizing the importance of the program and the subjects dealt with, students come one step closer to the maturity demanded by the world outside of Saint Joseph's College.

Pot Usage Examined . . .

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Legalization would not imply official government endorsement of marijuana any more than it does in the case of alcohol or tobacco.

A statement by Dr. Lester Grinspoon, professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, adequately concludes the arguments of those in favor of decriminalization in a statement made before the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

Says Dr. Grinspoon, "Rigorously impartial scientific investigation is important to counteract the prejudice and irrationality that has characterized much of the debate about marijuana. We must take the scientific conclusions and stop the increasingly unjustifiable persecution of marijuana users."

Opponents contend that decriminalization will tend to make people have less respect for the law than if it were vigorously enforced. They also contend that marijuana use would increase

with decriminalization, and its use causes brain damage.

Ten states have already reduced penalties for the possession of less than one ounce of marijuana for personal use. These states are Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, and New York (which decriminalized marijuana this past summer). In all of these states, a maximum fine of \$100 is assessed for the first offense, and there is no record of arrest filed.

Athletic Views Sought . . .

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only Indiana Central has football as a varsity sport. Scharf also has talked with Tom Mont of DePauw, who is trying to organize a Division III across-the-board conference.

The questions facing all of us are whether to go in the direction of a Division II basketball conference and continue to award

non-need grants in that sport, or whether a Division III conference would be better. If Division III is the decision, it would mean a basketball schedule against teams like DePauw, Wabash, Rose-Hulman, and against Valpo or Butler occasionally for our "big" game. Now, of course, we play against the larger Division I schools for the occasional "big" game. Basketball on a need basis would be different, but we're uncertain how different.

At this point, the Faculty Athletic Committee is attempting to monitor the opinions of the student body, alumni, and other groups before making a recommendation to the faculty. Larry Loomis and Laura Rade-feld, student members of the committee, have conducted one poll, but are anxious to hear any further student opinion. The main issue for the committee is whether to recommend that Scharf pursue membership in the proposed Division II basketball conference, or to go in other directions. Our hope is that students will attempt to understand the issues and make their views known to the appropriate student agencies.



Puma runner Joe Rincon (fr.-WSF) races parallel to a Valpo contestant during Saturday's home cross country meet.

... short stuff ...

Temporary I.D.'s can be obtained at the dean's office during lunch and dinner only if the student's card has been lost. There is a charge of one dollar for the temporary I.D. which will be applied to the charge for a permanent I.D. if it cannot be found. These temporary I.D.'s are good for three days.

The Graduate Management Administration Test (GMAT) will be offered Nov. 5, Jan. 28, Mar. 18 and July 8. Information and registration materials are available from the guidance and placement office.

The Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration is now accepting applications for fellowships for the 1977-78 academic year. The program prepares students for careers in government.

Candidates must be American citizens who hold a bachelor's degree or who expect to receive a bachelor's degree by June of 1978. Applications are due by Feb. 15, 1978.

For information and applications, write to: Coleman B. Ransone Jr., Director, Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration, Drawer I, University, Alabama 35486.

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